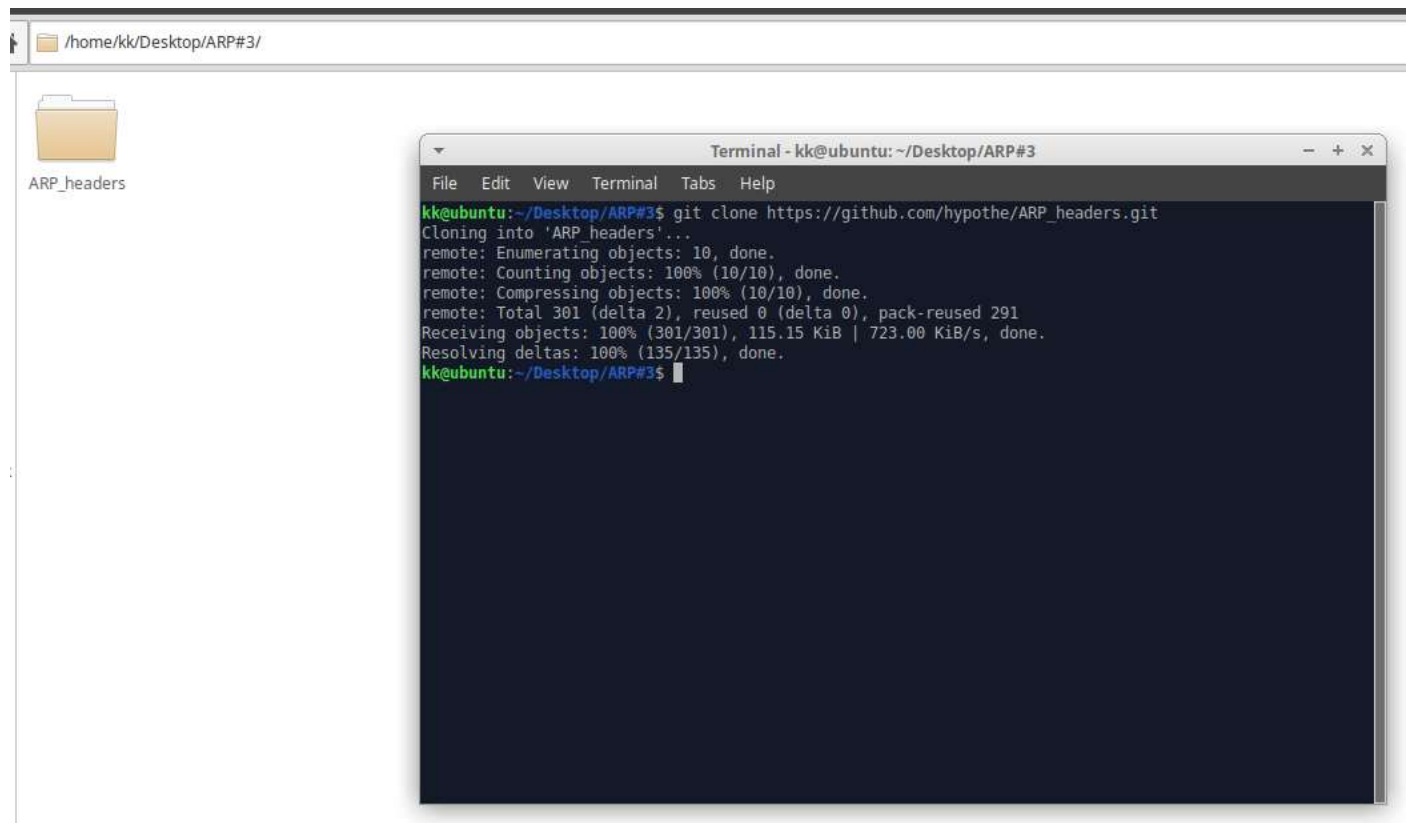
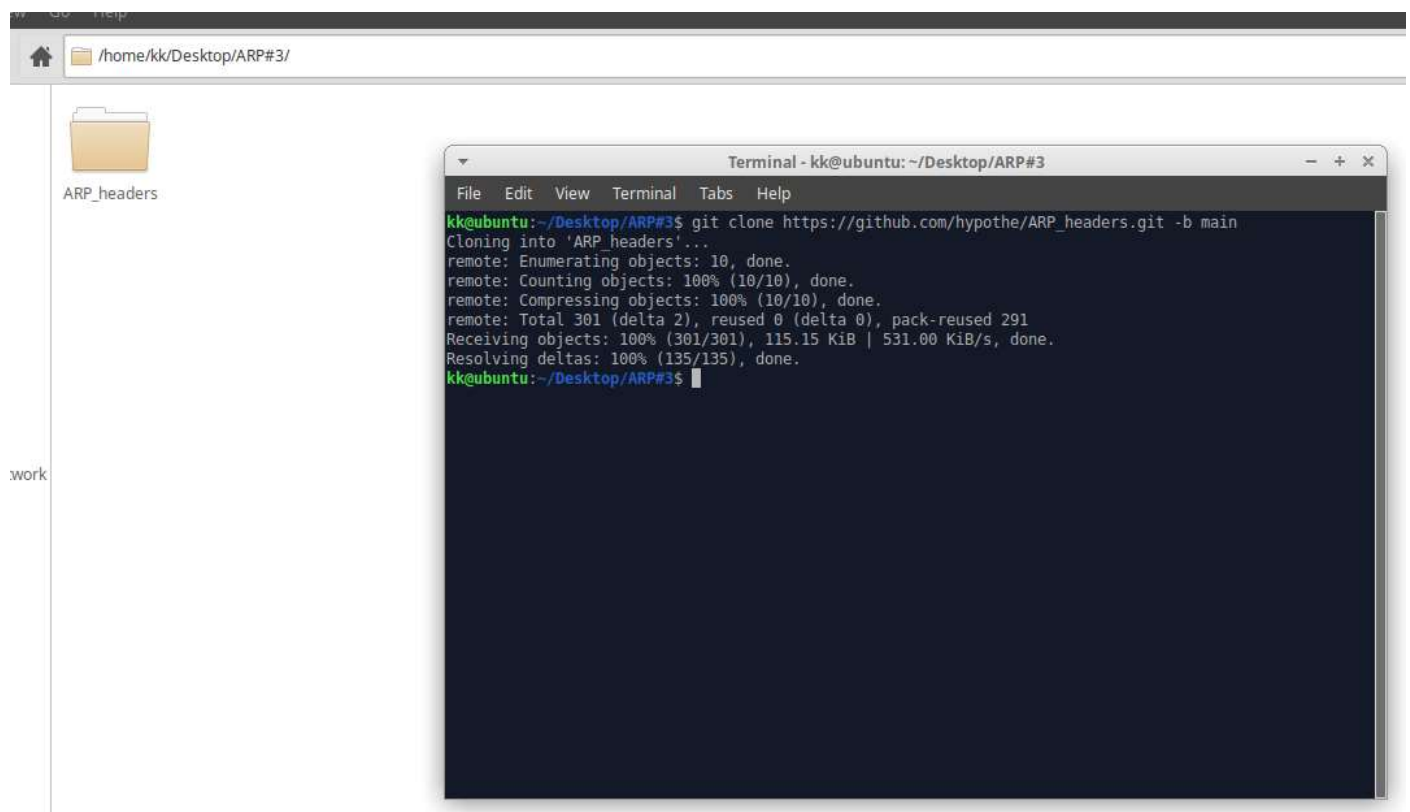


ARP#3 – HOW TO BUILD YOUR PROJECT - using ARP shared library

Step 1: download the shared library; a folder *ARP_headers* will be created.



I suggest you choose precisely the branch *main*, attaching at the end of the command `-b main`.



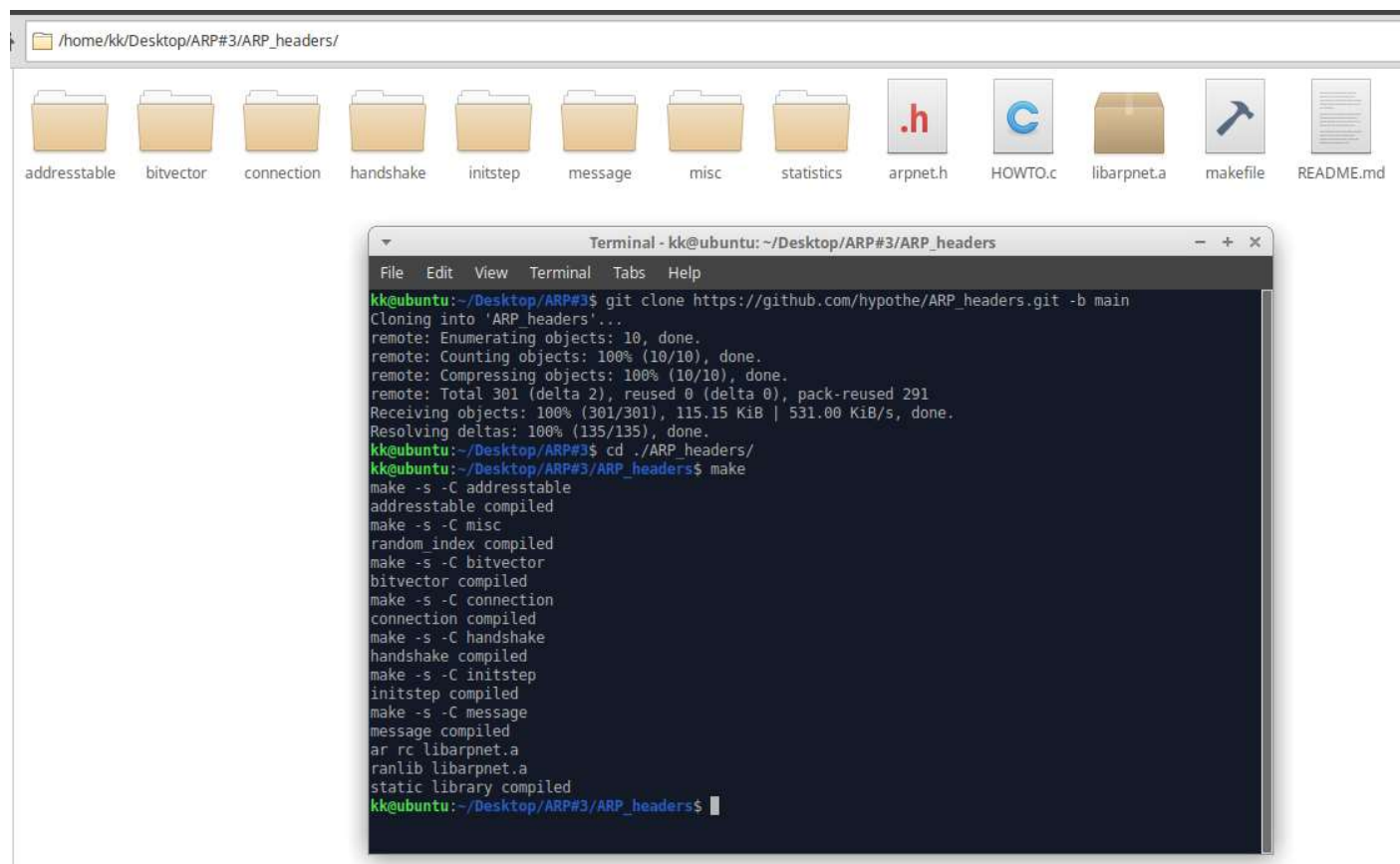
Step 2: open the folder *ARP_headers*.

In order to compile the library you must have a file within it named *libarpnet.a* .



This file couldn't exist, so you have to build it.

Launch a terminal here, and write *make*:



This file is necessary to compile your code because the library have to be *linked* to your object files.

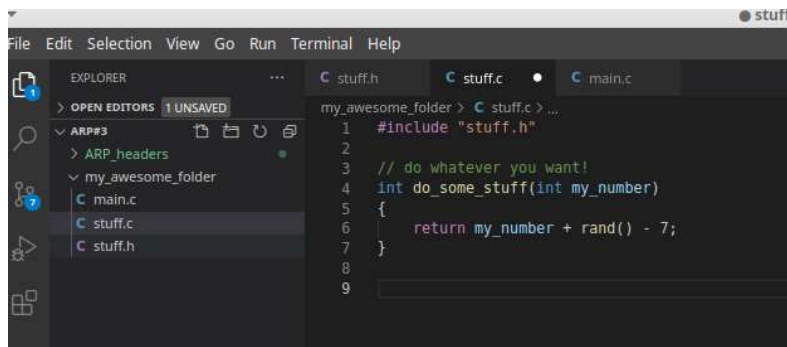
Step 3: set up your environment and code

Let's say we have three source files in a folder outside ARP_headers; all my code is contained in a folder called *my_awesome_folder* immediately outside the one which contains the library. Let's create it:

```
kk@ubuntu:~/Desktop/ARP#3$ mkdir my_awesome_folder
kk@ubuntu:~/Desktop/ARP#3$ cd my_awesome_folder/
kk@ubuntu:~/Desktop/ARP#3/my_awesome_folder$ touch main.c stuff.c stuff.h
kk@ubuntu:~/Desktop/ARP#3/my_awesome_folder$ ls -lA
total 0
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kk kk 0 Feb  1 03:33 main.c
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kk kk 0 Feb  1 03:33 stuff.c
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kk@ubuntu:~/Desktop/ARP#3/my_awesome_folder$
```

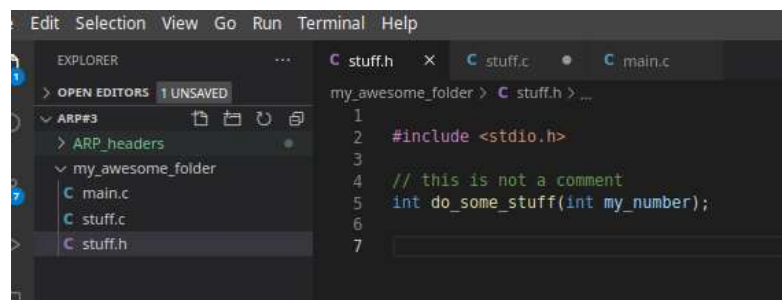
Now, you can coding within this folder. Let's say, we wrote this:

stuff.c

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a project structure with folders 'ARP#3' and 'my_awesome_folder', and files 'main.c', 'stuff.c', and 'stuff.h'. The main editor window is open to 'stuff.c' and contains the following code:

```
1 #include "stuff.h"
2
3 // do whatever you want!
4 int do_some_stuff(int my_number)
5 {
6     return my_number + rand() - 7;
7 }
8
9
```

stuff.h

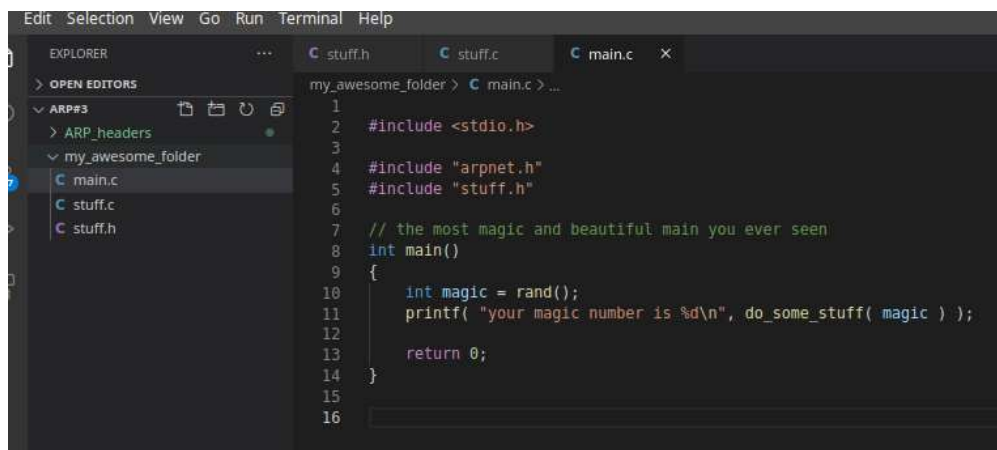
A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows the same project structure. The main editor window is open to 'stuff.h' and contains the following code:

```
1
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 // this is not a comment
5 int do_some_stuff(int my_number);
6
7
```

For using the ARP shared library, you must simply add

#include "arpnet.h"

As I'm showing there:

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows the project structure. The main editor window is open to 'main.c' and contains the following code:

```
1
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 #include "arpnet.h"
5 #include "stuff.h"
6
7 // the most magic and beautiful main you ever seen
8 int main()
9 {
10     int magic = rand();
11     printf( "your magic number is %d\n", do_some_stuff( magic ) );
12
13     return 0;
14 }
15
16
```

Step 4: time to compile!

Before compiling, look at this instruction (you can find this in the readme inside the library):

```
gcc -L<path>/ARP_headers -l<path>/ARP_headers -o <exe_name> <list_source_names>.c -larpnet
```

in which

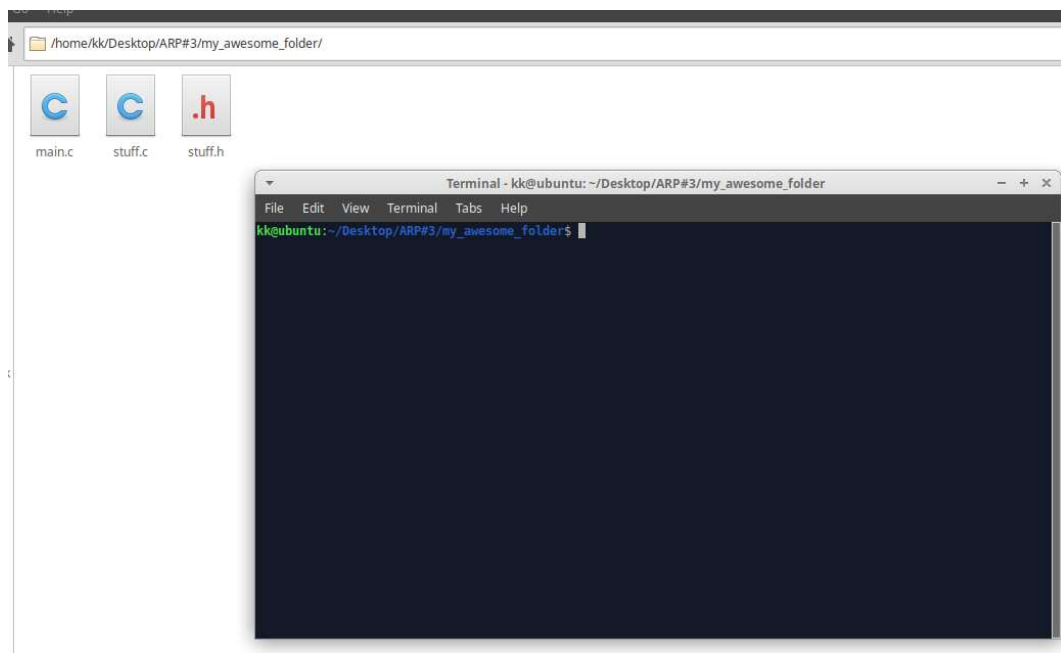
- **path** is the folder containing all the code of the shared library, *with respect to your workspace*: this means that if you're compiling from the folder I showed to you, the path is simply point-point, ..
- **exe name** is the name of the executable you have at the end of the compilation
- **list_source_names** is the list of all the object files of your program; in our case, *main.o stuff.o*

the final part of the instruction, *-larpnet*, performs the linking with the library.

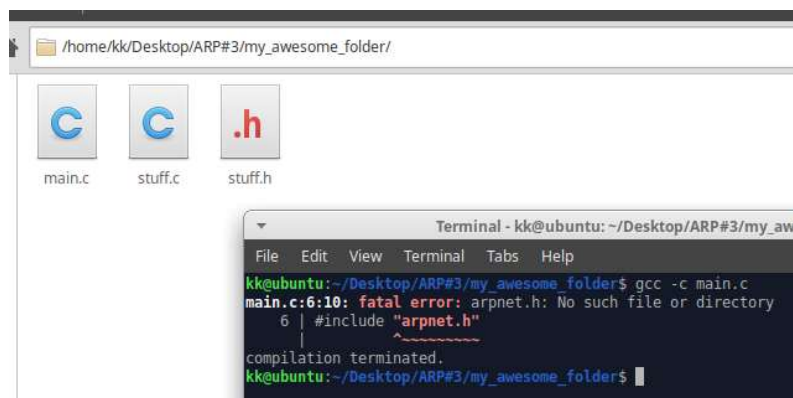
In our example, because our program is composed by two files, we have first of all to produce the object files, and then compile them using the command

```
gcc -L../ARP_headers -l../ARP_headers -o my_executable main.o stuff.o -larpnet
```

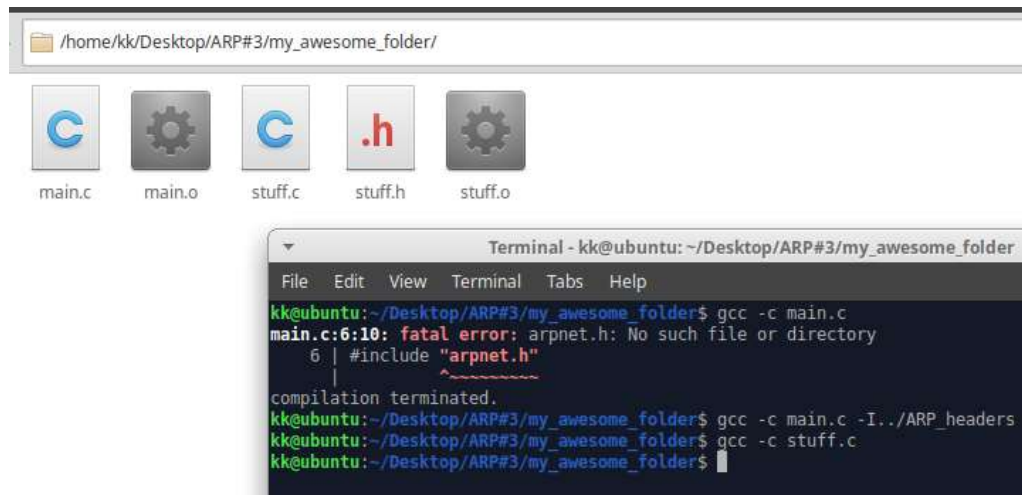
Remember that you can write a simple script for automatizing this operation. Let's build! Launch a terminal in your workspace:



Build the object files... pitfall you may face:



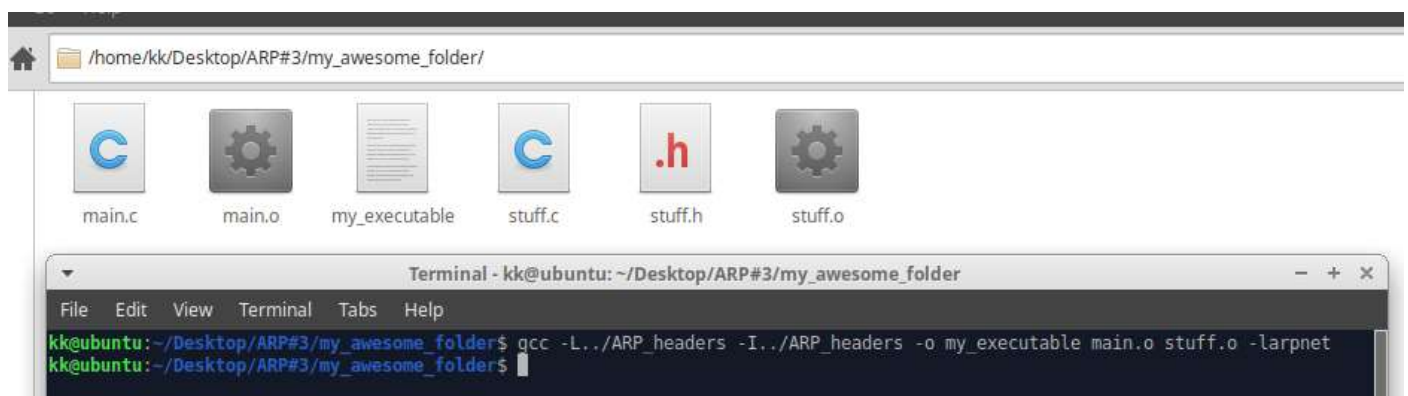
This happens because the compiler cannot find the header inside your workspace ... trivial: it is *outside* it. Use the option `-I../ARP_headers` :



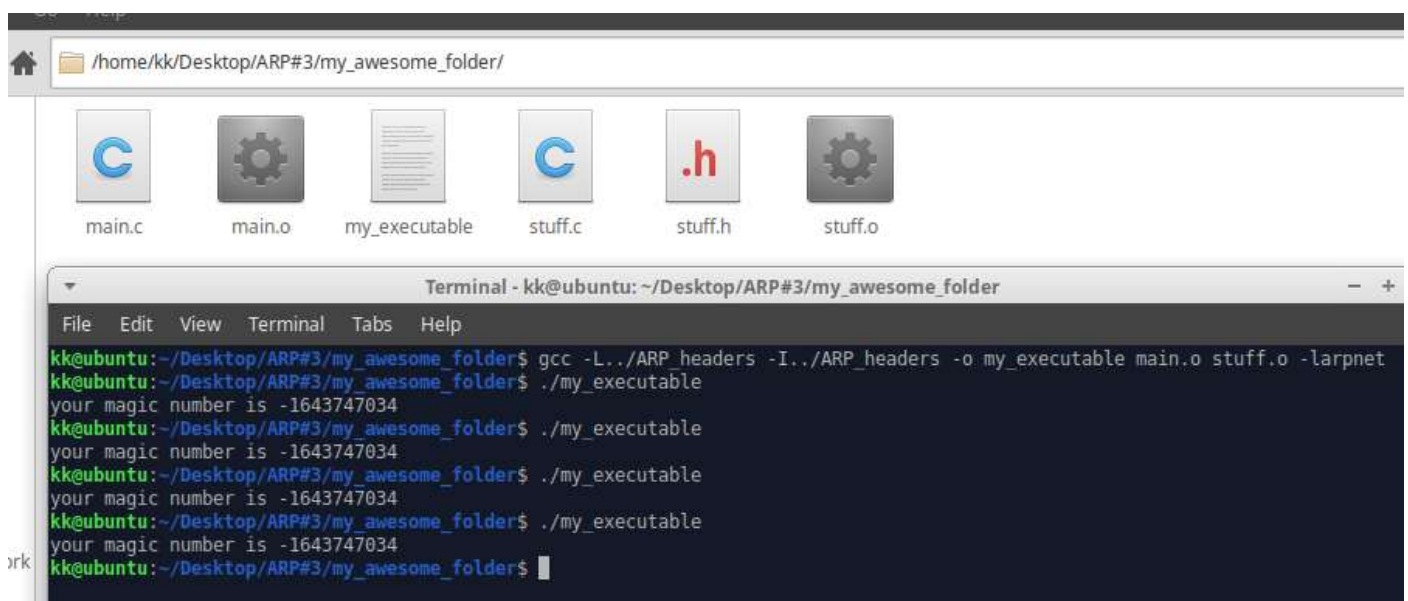
It works!

Note that `stuff.c` is compiled with no error; this because it doesn't directly import the header `arnnnet.h`, so the compiler doesn't need to search for this file.

We're ready for the final compilation, use the above incantation:



The code is now compiled! Let's test it:



Let's say: it "works". That's all!